

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 2640  
OFFERED BY MS. HAALAND OF NEW MEXICO**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Buffalo Tract Protec-  
3 tion Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
6 the Federal land described in subsection (b) is withdrawn  
7 from all forms of—

8 (1) location, entry, and patent under the mining  
9 laws; and

10 (2) disposition under the mineral leasing, min-  
11 eral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

12 (b) DESCRIPTION.—The Federal land referred to in  
13 subsections (a) and (c) is approximately 4,288 acres of  
14 land administered by the Bureau of Land Management  
15 and generally depicted as “Tract A”, “Tract B”, “Tract  
16 C”, and “Tract D” on the map entitled “Placitas, New  
17 Mexico Area Map” and dated November 13, 2019.

18 (c) SURFACE ESTATE.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the reservation of  
2           the mineral estate under paragraph (2), nothing in  
3           this Act prohibits the Secretary of the Interior from  
4           conveying the surface estate of the Federal land de-  
5           scribed in subsection (b) in accordance with—

6                     (A) the Federal Land Policy and Manage-  
7                     ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); or

8                     (B) the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly  
9                     known as the “Recreation and Public Purposes  
10                    Act”) (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.).

11           (2) MINERAL ESTATE.—Any conveyance of the  
12           surface estate of the Federal land described in sub-  
13           section (b) shall require a reservation of the mineral  
14           estate to the United States.

